

THE PUBLIC FORUM

NOTE TO DRISCOLL.—There are two letters at The Day Book office for John A. Driscoll. Come in and get 'em, John.—Editor.

THOMPSON'S CABINET.—Wm. H. Thompson before being elected mayor of Chicago said he would try and do his utmost toward giving the people of Chicago what they wanted. He also reiterated this after his election. Now I would like to suggest something. Mayor-elect Thompson has as yet no cabinet. Would it not be a good idea for him to appoint some one representing union labor and with a good broad mind. Such a man is Seymour Stedman. Let's hear what others have to say of this.—J. Nelson, 3452 LeMoyne st.

BILLY SUNDAY.—I have read Billy Sunday's sermons with his primitive ideas and also note the men who are so much concerned in their efforts to have Billy come to Chicago to teach humanity goodness and the likes. I would say, however, instead of continuing their efforts trying to have Billy come to Chicago to teach his dogma and superstitious ideas, it would be a better task for those ministers, priests, pastors and the likes to help the poverty-stricken and the thousands of men trying to obtain work to provide for their children and their necessities in life, which have been deprived to them. If they can fulfill such activities they can have more converts to their religion than have Billy accumulate a fortune by means of feeding people with relics and superstition that throws us back to the dark ages.

What do we care and how do we know what Christ did? It's what you should do now. There are approximately 200,000 children toiling and starving and losing their health trying to accumulate a fortune for the millionaire who donates enough money to the institutions that Billy repre-

sents, and those are the people responsible for the damnable system.

Billy says in one of his sermons: "Philosophy teaches us goodness, commands us, etc., and saints feed us." It is true, philosophy teaches and commands goodness, but when he tells us that saints feed us I am sorry to inform him that I disagree with him in every respect. If Christ, saints and Billy Sunday can feed the hungry, then I would urge everybody to become Christians, but they are a failure. They have never tried to accomplish equal rights for men so they can, at least, live. That fact alone should consider them failures, and, what's more, it's a menace to the human mind to teach us that saints and the likes help feed.

I have drawn by conclusion that Billy is a dreamer and tells people the adventures of his dreams, or he is really in earnest and every time he delivers one of his sermons he must forget that he lives in the twentieth century and deliberately steps back into the dark ages.—J. M. S.

ANSWER TO TAYLOR.—Here is an answer to the article published in The Day Book about the eight-hour law. Mr. Dudley Taylor, attorney for the Associated Employers' ass'n, doesn't fit with the working class. Mr. Taylor declared that the workers who could not work the number of hours required by the employers should be examined by a physician and if not able to do the work should be sent to the state asylum to be taken care of.

Just imagine a physician coming to the factory where you worked to examine you to see whether you were fit to work. Which practically means, to see whether you had the right to live or not.

Mr. Taylor also said: "It is to the benefit of the employes to be worked overtime that they may make money to last them, during an idle period." Does Mr. Taylor know that some of the workers receive nothing or possi-